

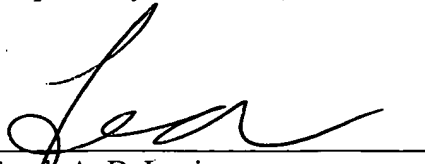
## REMARKS

Applicants propose to amend the specification to insert a cross reference to parent Application No. 08/724,481, filed February 17, 1998, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,118,455. The present application is a divisional of that parent application. This change to the specification is made to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78.

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records identify that the present application is a divisional of the above-mentioned parent application, as evidenced by the attached copy of a printout from the U.S. Patent Application Retrieval System. Also, Applicants submit that the change raises no new issues, requires no new search, and requires no substantial additional work on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment After Allowance is respectfully requested.

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